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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
(For new Non-provisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.: BLP 128.1  
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Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a new utility patent application of inventor(s): **Paul R. Stonikas, Steven C. Hannibal, Gregory Prutnikov, Roman Klyachman, Manolo J. Blancaflor** and entitled: **Compressible Hearing Aid**. For purposes of publication, this patent application is assigned to:.

**Application Elements:**

1. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status (See 37 CFR 1.27.)
2. ☒ Specification containing 32 pages.
3. ☒ Drawings: 38 Sheets of ☐ formal drawings ☒ informal drawings
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration
- a. ☐ An executed declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney,
- b. ☒ An unexecuted declaration or oath for the utility patent application including a power of attorney;
- c. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d), for continuation/divisional with No. 17 completed.
- i. ☐ Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76.)
6. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix).
7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary).
- ☐ Computer Readable Form (CFR)
- ☐ Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ Paper
- ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies.

**Accompanying Application Parts:**

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet, document(s) and requisite fee).

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (where there is an assignee)  
☐ Power of Attorney
10. ☐ English Translation document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including PTO-1449  
☐ Copies of IDS Citations
12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Postcard for PTO Mail Room Date Stamp (should be specifically itemized).
14. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed).
15. ☐ Request and Certification For Nonpublication Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

16. ☒ Other This application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/215,001, filed June 29, 2000.

17. ☐ **If Continuing Application**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Prior application information: Examiner: \_\_\_\_\_ Group/Art Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

**For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL Applications only:** The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4c, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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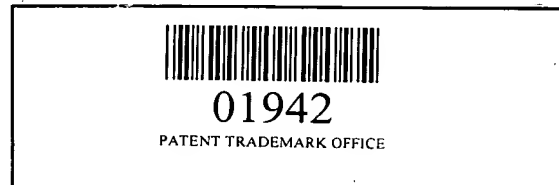
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Indep. Claims	9	- 3 =	6	x \$40.00	\$	x \$80.00	\$480.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Present				+ \$135.00	\$	+ \$270.00	\$
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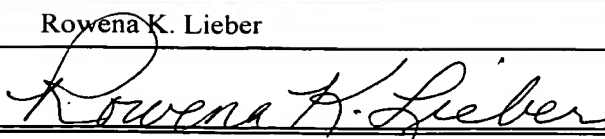
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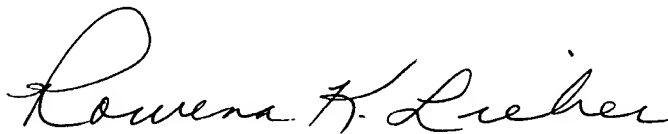
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**Enclosed are the following documents:**

Certificate of Mailing by Express Mail; Application Data Sheet; Utility Patent Application Transmittal (3 pages), in duplicate, with Check No. 41565 for \$2684.00 attached; and the application consisting of 20 pages of specification; 10 pages of claims comprising 103 claims; 1 page of the Abstract of the Disclosure; 38 sheets of informal drawings; an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney consisting of 3 pages; and a prepaid post card for acknowledgment of receipt by the mail room of the USPTO.



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